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Inspection Date: March 15, 2016

Subsequent Visit Date(s): January 29, 2016
June 27, 2016

Technical Assistance Date(s): January 29, 2016
March 22, 2016

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INTRODUCTION Howard County- Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 20th annual evaluation of the Howard County- Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	Howard
Governing authority	Howard Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator	Jeff Lipinski
Detention facility’s mission	The Howard Circuit Court, Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center, is established to provide short-term secure, non-secure emergency shelter care, and long-term residential care for juveniles who are ordered detained or sheltered by the court

	through wardships. These services will be provided through secure, emergency shelter care, long term residential treatment at both the pre and post adjudicatory stages and throughout ward ships and post dispositional secure commitments.
Rated capacity	28
Population on date of audit	18
Average daily population for the last 12 months	20.28
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	16.94 days
Year the building was built	1991
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	Carpet and tilt replaced, new kitchen appliances- grill, slicer, stove, griddle, chairs and mattress
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	New diesel tank, new transport vehicle, outdoor lighting and new security camera
De-escalation techniques training	CPI
Physical force techniques training	CPI
Chemical agents permitted	Yes
Name of food service provider	Cisco, Stanz
Name of food service supervisor	Michelle Allen
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Linda Sardin, RN
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Mary K. Cates-Cullison, LCSW, LCAC

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 16 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Laurie Elliott
File Review of the 16 mandatory standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant. • Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	The Center was found to be clean, orderly, and well-maintained.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four youth, two female and two male, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • All youth reported feeling safe at the facility and knowing the rules. • All youth reported feeling safe at the facility. • All youth reported the sleeping areas are uncomfortably cold. • Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy needs more language that addresses the standard requirements.

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 1/29/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Howard County- Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Mrs. Derrick. Youth were observed participating in education, and the facility population count was 21. The youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level was satisfactory.

On 6/27/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Howard County- Robert J. Kinsey Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Mrs. Derrick and (Food Service Supervisor) Ms. Allen. The facility has recently purchased a new stove and food warmer. All youth appeared to be in good health and all areas appeared to be well-maintained and sanitation levels in the facility were found to be satisfactory. Youth were observed participating in education, and the facility population count was 20 youth. Youth and staff at the facility have built 2 raised gardens and produced fresh fruit and vegetables.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)

The Howard County- Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center's education technical assistance visit occurred on 1/29/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The education program follows the local school corporation's calendar and provides special programming during extended breaks. An instructional day is five and a half hours for up to fifteen students. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either overseeing an approved online instructional program or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes one full-time teacher.

The Howard County- Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 3/22/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

CONCLUSION

Howard County- Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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